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Goodbye Kitty

By JOSH CUTLER
SPECIAL TO THE CLIPPER

Kitty Hubbard left this world quietly last month at the age of 84. Her life was anything but.

Kitty liked to do things her own way and that included her death, which was remembered in a private service with little notice or fanfare.

IN MEMORIAM

I can't say I was terribly surprised when her son called me a week later to share the news — she had been confined to a nursing home for some time, but I was nonetheless saddened that Duxbury had lost one of its truly unique characters.

Kitty was a frequent visitor to the Clipper office here on South Station Street. Many times she stopped by just to chat or share a story. She loved to travel with her husband Gordon (who died in 2004) and often brought back photographs of politicians and famous people she somehow managed to meet along the way.

A self-proclaimed "Red Sox groupie," Kitty didn't mind waiting in line at age 80 for a chance to take her picture with the World Series trophy.

Kitty was dogged in her pursuits and fearless to a fault. She was a staunch Democrat in a Republican town, but she also had a feisty independent streak.

She was also one of the kindest people I have known — a fact belied by her tough exterior and penchant for ... uh, shall we say, "colorful" language.

In all the years I knew Kitty I never needed to remember my own wedding anniversary because she would invariably stop by the office a few days prior with a considerate gift.



Kitty Hubbard

She shared a set of silver dollars when my son was born and even as time passed she continued to send thoughtful cards and letters. Kitty practiced random acts of kindness long before it became a bumper sticker.

While I only knew Kitty in her later years, through conversations with others, including her son Kevin, a talented musician, her earlier life was just as full.

Kitty grew up in Ontonagon, Michigan. She left for Hollywood in the early 1940s and became a member of the famous Hollywood Canteen. While in Hollywood she met and later married a Duxbury serviceman named Gordon Hubbard.

She and Gordon moved back to Standish Shore and raised three children (one who tragically drowned in Duxbury bay in 1963.) The couple traveled to ballparks around the country and took exotic trips to places like Hong Kong, New Zealand and Spain.

She was active at Holy Family church and always generous to the less fortunate. She cherished her family and always kept in touch with even her most distant relatives.

Kitty died on May 18, at the Briarwood Nursing Home in Needham.

She will be missed.

Think inside the box at Art Complex Museum

On Saturday, June 13, from 1 until 4 p.m., The Duxbury Art Complex Museum will offer an opportunity to "Think inside the Box." Participants in the Reliquaries Workshop will create an artistic box construction. This form of artistic self-expression can express a wide range of emotional communication from mysterious and surreal to lighthearted and whimsical. The techniques are simple and the result can be impressive. The \$35 fee includes materials but workshopers should bring items to "enshrine."



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